

CYBER FORCE ARTIFACTS

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A hand holds a sleek, futuristic handgun with a glowing blue beam coming from its barrel. The background is dark and blurred, suggesting motion.

POWER,
STRYKER.

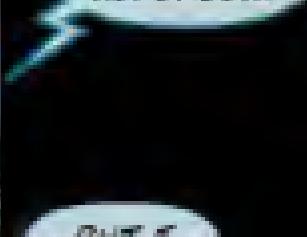
YOU KNOW HOW
I'M SEDUCED
BY IT.



THE SAME
WAY I WAS
SEDUCED BY
YOU.



THAT'S
NOT HOW I
REMEMBER
IT.



MANY
NIGHTS I HAVE
WONDERED
WHAT YOU
REMEMBER.

BUT I
DIGRESS.

I WAS IN
THE PRESENCE
OF UNFATHOMABLE
POWER. THE POWER
OF HISTORY AND THE
FUTURE ALL AT
ONCE.

IT LOOKED
LIKE A GAUNTLET
BUT IT WAS SO
MUCH MORE.*



*SEE WITCHBLADE 183.

AND IT TOLD ME
THERE WERE OTHER
THINGS LIKE IT. THINGS
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO DESTROY THE
WORLD.

TO
DESTROY
TIME
ITSELF.



I LEARNED THINGS, STRYKER.



I LEARNED THAT
MAGIC IS JUST
TECHNOLOGY.

IT'S
TECHNOLOGY
WE HAVE YET TO
UNDERSTAND.

BUT I WILL
UNDERSTAND IT.

AND KEEP IT OUT
OF THE WRONG
HANDS.

I'M NOT ALWAYS
THE VILLAIN.

SOMETIMES, I AM
THE FIREWALL.

THE
BULWARK.



I STILL THE
HANDS OF THE
DOOMSDAY
CLOCK.

I AM WHAT
STANDS BETWEEN
THIS POWER AND
PEOPLE FAR, FAR
WORSE THAN ME.
STRYKER.

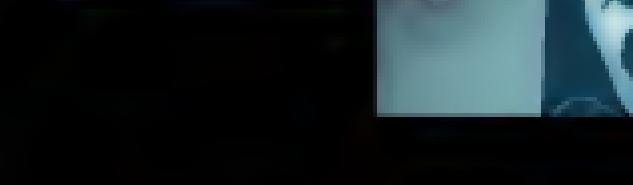
WHILE YOU WERE
HIDING FROM THE
WORLD, I LEARNED
WHY WE NEED TO
PROTECT IT.



YOU
SHOULDN'T WEAR
SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.
IT DOESN'T LOOK
GOOD ON YOU.



WHAT DO
YOU KNOW ABOUT
JACKIE ESTACADO AND
HIS RELATIONSHIP TO
THE DARKNESS?



ESTACADO?
NEVER HEARD
OF HIM.



CASSANDRA
CAN FILL YOU

IN. MAYBE
YOU'LL HAVE AN
OPEN MIND
WITH HER.



I'M ONLY
DOING THIS
BECAUSE I WON'T
LET CARIN DO THIS
WITHOUT ME.

SHE
DESERVES A
THANK YOU.



BUT I-

-AM
WHAT--

-SHE
HAS.



I ASSUME YOU
DON'T WANT TO
TALK ABOUT WHAT
THE CHAIRWOMAN
SAID.

I WAS PLANNING
ON SPENDING THE NEXT
HOUR CRITICIZING MY



HOUR GRITTING MY
TEETH AND BREATHING
HEAVY.

BEFORE
THAT—
WE SHOULD
PROBABLY
TALK ABOUT
RIPCLAW.
SINCE WE'RE
ABOUT AN HOUR
FROM THE OIL
RIG.

EXPLAIN
THIS TO ME.

AGAIN,

WHY THE HELL IS
HE STUCK ON AN
OIL RIG?

TRANSHUMANISTS.
IT'S A GROUP
OBSESSED WITH
CYBERNETICS. IN A
CREEPY RELIGIOUS
WAY.

THEY'RE
INDEPENDENTLY
FUNDED AND THEY
TOOK OVER AN
ABANDONED OIL RIG.
TURNED IT INTO
A TEMPLE.

GOTTA LOVE
THIS WORLD WE
LIVE IN.



INTEL SAYS - AND IT'S RELIABLE - THAT
RIPCLAW IS BEING HELD BY THEM.

OR WORSHIPPED
BY THEM.

OR BOTH.

THE CHAIRWOMAN
WANTS HIM ON BOARD
BEFORE WE PROCEED.





HOPEFULLY
THERE'S ENOUGH
OF HIM LEFT WHEN
WE GET THERE.

THERE
WILL BE.

SO WHO THE
F@#% IS JACKIE
ESTACADO?



REMOVING CLOAK
MAKING LANDING
APPROACH



THEY HAVE NO EXTERIOR DEFENSES. THAT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, CASSIE?

THEY'RE ON A SELF-CONTAINED OIL RIG, STRYKER.



MAYBE THEY
DON'T EXPECT
COMPANY.
PREP FOR
INFIL.

AUTO-HOVER INITIATED.

DEFENSE

DEFENSE
PROTOCOLS
ACTIVE





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